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for Fuel Cells

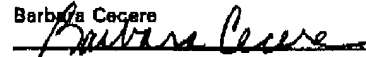
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Sir:

Responsive to the requirement dated March 11, 2008, applicants elect the fuel distributor species of Figs. 5 and 6. The claims encompassing the elected species are 1-6, 9 and 11-14. This requirement is traversed on the ground that all of the species, as a group, Figs. 2-6 and 7-9, are encompassed by allowable claims 1, 2, 4, 12 and 13.

In further response, applicants elect a buffer which is a solid and has a plurality of small orifices therethrough, encompassed by claims 1, 2, 4 and 9-14. This requirement is traversed on the ground that all of the species as a group are encompassed by allowable claims 1-14.

To save the Examiner considerable time when this case is taken up, a short phone call is recommended should any issue herein still be unresolved. A few minutes on the phone could clarify a point, or result in a supplemental response which would further limit or dispose of issues. A five minute phone call can save the Examiner a lot of work. Such a phone call would be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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